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**Update for the Tuberculosis Control Rulemaking
Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 12**

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-721 states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) shall adopt rules to prescribe reasonable and necessary measures related to tuberculosis control, reporting, and medical care. The Department has established rules to implement A.R.S. § 36-721 for tuberculosis control, reporting, and medical care in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 12.

During a recent review of the rules in 9 A.A.C. 6, the Department determined that the rules in Article 12 concerning tuberculosis required revision. This rulemaking will add and amend definitions; amend requirements for local health agencies and correctional facilities; add requirements for health care providers, health care institutions, clinical laboratories, and shelters; and amend and update standards of medical care.

The Department posted a draft for this rulemaking on the Department's Website and has received informal comments about the rules in R9-6-1202 for local health agencies and in R9-6-1204 for correctional facilities. Based on the comments received, the Department is continuing to revise the draft rules. A new draft will be posted on the Department's website for informal public comment when the revision is completed.

Stakeholders can communicate their issues and concerns to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-1230, or by fax at 602-364-1150.